

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings in the present application.

1. (Currently amended) A filler neck, comprising:

a neck body made from resin, having an upstream end, a fuel supply opening opened at the upstream end, the fuel supply opening being opened and closed by a fuel cap, a downstream end communicating with a fuel tank, an outer peripheral surface, an inner peripheral surface, and a plate-shaped flange disposed on the outer peripheral surface integrally and being directly fixed to a metal portion associated with a vehicle-side member;

a retainer made of metal, having an engagement portion and an outer peripheral surface, the engagement portion engaged with the neck body, and fastened to the fuel cap;

a sealing member securing a first sealing property between the neck body and the retainer; and

a gasket ring securing a second sealing property between the fuel cap and the retainer, wherein said sealing member is disposed between the inner peripheral surface of the neck body and the outer peripheral surface of the retainer, and disposed closer to the fuel tank than the flange of the neck body.

2. (Previously presented) The filler neck set forth in claim 1, wherein the engagement portion of the retainer is disposed closer to the fuel tank than the flange of the neck body.

3. (Original) The filler neck set forth in claim 1, wherein the sealing member comprises an O-ring which contacts elastically with the inner peripheral surface of the neck body and the outer peripheral surface of the retainer.

4. (Original) The filler neck set forth in claim 1, wherein the neck body further has an engagement dent formed in the inner peripheral surface; and the engagement portion of the retainer comprises an engagement claw fitted into and engaged with the engagement dent.

5. (Currently amended) A filler neck, comprising:

a neck body made from resin, having an upstream end, a fuel supply opening opened at the upstream end, the fuel supply opening being opened and closed by a fuel cap, a downstream end communicating with a fuel tank, an outer peripheral surface, an inner peripheral surface, and a plate-shaped flange integrally disposed on the outer peripheral surface and being directly fixed to a metal portion associated with a vehicle-side member;

a retainer made of metal, having an engagement portion and an outer peripheral surface, the engagement portion engaged with the neck body, and fastened to the fuel cap;

a sealing unit securing a first sealing property between the neck body and the retainer, and disposed between the inner peripheral surface of the neck body and the outer peripheral surface of the retainer; and

a gasket ring securing a second sealing property between the fuel cap and the retainer;

the engagement portion of the retainer and the sealing unit being disposed closer to the fuel tank than the flange of the neck body.